NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that its building department is taking demolition action against the unauthorized construction in some residential houses in Ramesh Nagar (Double Storey) area as per the direction of the Delhi High Court.

(c) and (d) The Task Force constituted by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi was to endeavour to complete its work within a period of two months. It is informed that the report has not been finalized.

Development of construction sector

2785. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction sector has good potential to grow 7 to 8 per cent annually; and

(b) if so, Government's action plan to develop this sector and also the urban transport and civil infrastructure in the urban sector to boost economy?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of flats into freehold

2786. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the enormous difficulties faced by the residents of DDA flats and housing societies in getting their residential units converted into freehold;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of allottees of Himalaya Apartments, Plot No. 61, I.P. Extension Delhi have been facing harassment at the hands of DDA officials in getting their freehold papers despite completion of all formalities;

(c) the action being taken against the officials responsible for the delay;

(d) the time-frame within which the pending applications are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the steps being taken to remove corruption and make the system transparent?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has informed that the applicants, who submit complete documents for conversion of leasehold properties to freehold, are issued conveyance deed papers. In other case, the applicants are requested to rectify the deficiencies. In respect of the Himalaya Apartments, out of 76 allotted flats, 60 have applied for conversion, out of which conversion has already been done in 44 cases and deficiency letters have been issued in respect of the balance 16 cases.

(c) Question does not arise, in view of the above.

(d) DDA has informed that applications for conversion are to be cleared within two months subject to rectification of the deficiencies.

(e) DDA has further informed that besides monitoring the process at the level of senior officers and through public hearings, camps are organized in different localities for disposal of pending applications.

Development of towns in UP

† 2787. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes submitted by Uttar Pradesh for getting Central assistance for development of towns during the last three years;

(b) the approximate costs involved and names of the towns proposed to be developed under each of these schemes alongwith other details; and

(c) by when, a decision would be taken on these schemes by Government and the reasons for delaying such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Details of the schemes submitted by Uttar Pradesh for getting Central assistance under the Centrally sponsored schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.